

**Introduced by Senator Dutton**

February 18, 2011

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An act to amend Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the environment.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 783, as introduced, Dutton. Environment: CEQA.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report (EIR) on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment.

CEQA defines various terms for the purposes of CEQA.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the term “project” for the purposes of CEQA.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:

- 1     21065. “Project” means an activity ~~which~~ *that* may cause either  
2 a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably  
3 foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and ~~which~~  
4 *that* is any of the following:
- 5     (a) An activity directly undertaken by any public agency.
  - 6     (b) An activity undertaken by a person ~~which~~ *who* is supported,  
7 in whole or in part, through contracts, grants, subsidies, loans, or  
8 other forms of assistance from one or more public agencies.
  - 9     (c) An activity that involves the issuance to a person of a lease,  
10 permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement for use by one or  
11 more public agencies.